

#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS

TOM FORESE - Chairman BOB BURNS DOUG LITTLE ANDY TOBIN BOYD DUNN

Ryan Miguel (CRD # 4581157) aka Ryan

Miguel Pina aka Ryan Lee Oliver, a single

Robert Eric Hawkins, a single man, and

Infinity Fuels, Inc., a Nevada corporation,

Respondents.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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DOCKET NO. S-20987A-16-0351

DECISION NO.

76064

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER FOR RESTITUTION, ORDER OF REVOCATION, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME

BY: RESPONDENT RYAN MIGUEL

Respondent Ryan Miguel, aka Ryan Miguel Pina aka Ryan Lee Oliver ("Respondent" or "Miguel"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 *et seq.* ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist, Order for Restitution, Order of Revocation, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order"). Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); admits only for purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding in which the Commission is a party the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consents to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

 Miguel has been registered as a securities salesman by the Commission (CRD # 4581157) since March 28, 2012. Miguel was also registered as a securities salesman by the Commission from February 2005 until November 2008.

2. Miguel is not currently registered with FINRA, and his registration with the Commission has lapsed because he is not currently associated with a registered dealer. Miguel was most recently associated with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated until August 5, 2015, when he voluntarily terminated from that registered dealer.

- 3. Under A.R.S. § 44-1963(D), Miguel continues to be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for two years after the lapse of his registration for the purpose of denying, suspending or revoking his registration in connection with conduct that began before the lapse of his registration.
- Since July 18, 2005, Miguel has also been a licensed Arizona insurance producer
  (AZ License # 205041).
  - 5. Miguel has been a single, unmarried man since 2005.
- Respondent Robert Eric Hawkins ("Hawkins") has been a licensed Arizona insurance producer (AZ License # 913032) since February 20, 2008.
  - 7. Hawkins has not been registered by the Commission as a securities salesman or dealer.
- 8. Infinity Fuels, Inc. ("Infinity") is a Nevada corporation that was incorporated on December 18, 2006.
  - Hawkins was Infinity's President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director.
- According to the records of the Nevada Secretary of State, Infinity's business license
  expired on December 31, 2010, and its corporate status has been revoked.
- 11. Infinity has not applied to the Commission to do business as a foreign business entity in Arizona and therefore was not authorized to do any business in Arizona.
- According to an Executive Summary Hawkins provided to an investor, Miguel was
  Infinity's Chief Development Officer and a member of Infinity's Board of Directors.
- 13. In approximately November 2009, Miguel began calling one of his insurance clients ("TM") and representing that he had found an investment opportunity for TM. TM agreed to meet and discuss the investment opportunity.

- On January 28, 2010, Miguel and Hawkins met with TM in his home in Sun City,
  Arizona.
- 15. Miguel and Hawkins asked TM to invest in Infinity, which they said was involved in waste to fuel refinery development.
- 16. Hawkins told TM Infinity would repay his investment within thirty-six (36) to sixty(60) months.
- 17. In addition, Hawkins said TM would be guaranteed to receive ten percent (10%) interest annually on his investment from Infinity.
  - 18. TM decided to invest. TM wrote a check payable to Infinity for \$20,295.00.
- 19. In addition, TM and Hawkins, as Infinity's President, signed a Capital Investment Agreement ("Agreement"). Miguel signed the Agreement as a witness.
- 20. The Agreement stated that Infinity sought "funds for investment in operational and start-up costs associated with waste to fuel refinery development throughout the U.S."
- 21. The Agreement stated TM was "participat[ing] by investing capital as a guaranteed return of principal loan," and that his investment "is for a maximum time period of the next 60 months...."
- 22. The Agreement promised a "guarantee of full return of the principal amount invested no sooner than the 36 month anniversary of this document ... and a period not to exceed 60 months."
- 23. The Agreement provided TM would receive "[a]n annual fixed, non-compounding interest rate of 10%," and that the interest rate was "guaranteed."
- 24. The Agreement further provided that Infinity's "President, CEO and Secretary/Treasurer ... shall retain the operational control and management...."
- 25. When Hawkins, Miguel and Infinity sold TM his investment in Infinity, they failed to disclose to him:
  - a. Miguel filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy petition on July 31, 2009;

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- Miguel's registration as a securities salesman with the Commission had lapsed because he was not associated with a registered dealer;
- c. In 1998, Hawkins filed a personal Chapter 7 bankruptcy; and
- d. In 2006 the Internal Revenue Service assessed Hawkins with \$12,894 in unpaid taxes from 2002.
- 26. TM has not received any interest payments or any return of his \$20,295.00 investment from Miguel, Hawkins or Infinity.
- 27. In January 2016, TM wrote to Hawkins and Miguel to demand the return of his investment, a complete accounting and all financial records of Infinity.
- Hawkins responded by informing TM that Infinity dissolved in 2011 and denied any wrongdoing.
- 29. Hawkins and Miguel did not return any of TM's \$20,295.00 or provide the accounting and financial records TM demanded.

II.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- Miguel offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. Miguel violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- Miguel violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as a dealer or salesman nor exempt from registration.
- 5. Miguel violated A.R.S. § 44-1991(A)(2) by making untrue statements or misleading omissions of material facts. Specifically, Miguel violated A.R.S. § 44-1991(A)(2) by failing to disclose to TM:

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- c. In 1998, Hawkins filed a personal Chapter 7 bankruptcy; and
- d. In 2006 the Internal Revenue Service assessed Hawkins with \$12,894 in unpaid taxes from 2002.
- Miguel's conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 7. Miguel's conduct subjects him to an order of revocation pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962(A)(2), (5) and (9).
  - 8. Miguel's conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
  - 9. Miguel's conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

#### III.

#### ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Miguel's consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Miguel, and any of his agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Miguel comply with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Miguel shall, jointly and severally with Respondents Hawkins and Infinity under Docket No. S-20987A-16-0351, pay restitution to the Commission in the principal amount of \$20,295.00 as a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Payment is due in full on the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona" to be placed in an interest-bearing account

controlled by the Commission. Any principal amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 4.25 percent per annum from the date of this Order until paid in full.

The Commission shall disburse the funds on a pro-rata basis to investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any restitution funds that the Commission cannot disburse because an investor refuses to accept such payment, or any restitution funds that cannot be disbursed to an investor because the investor is deceased and the Commission cannot reasonably identify and locate the deceased investor's spouse or natural children surviving at the time of the distribution, shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis to the remaining investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any funds that the Commission determines it is unable to or cannot feasibly disburse shall be transferred to the general fund of the state of Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Miguel shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 as a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Payment is due in full on the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest as allowed by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payments received by the state of Arizona shall first be applied to the restitution obligation. Upon payment in full of the restitution obligation, payments shall be applied to the penalty obligation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962, that Miguel's securities salesman registration is revoked.

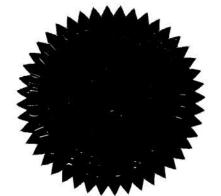
For purposes of this Order, a bankruptcy filing by Miguel shall be an act of default. If Miguel does not comply with this Order, any outstanding balance may be deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if Miguel fails to comply with this order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against him, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that no finding of fact or conclusion of law contained in this Order shall be deemed binding against any Respondent under this Docket Number who has not consented to the entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

RIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, TED VOGT, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this \_//\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

TED VOGT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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#### CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. Respondent Ryan Miguel, aka Ryan Miguel Pina aka Ryan Lee Oliver ("Respondent" or "Miguel"), an individual, admits the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Miguel acknowledges that he has been fully advised of his right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses, and Miguel knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Miguel acknowledges that this Order to Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, Order of Revocation, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Miguel knowingly and voluntarily waives any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Miguel acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. Miguel understands and acknowledges that he has a right to seek counsel regarding this Order, and that he has had the opportunity to seek counsel prior to signing this Order. Miguel acknowledges and agrees that, despite the foregoing, Miguel freely and voluntarily waives any and all right to consult or obtain counsel prior to signing this Order.
- 5. Miguel admits only for purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding in which the Commission is a party the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Miguel agrees that he shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future proceeding in which the Commission is a party.
- 6. Miguel further agrees that he shall not deny or contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future: (a) bankruptcy proceeding, or (b) non-criminal proceeding in which the Commission is a party (collectively, "proceeding(s)"). Miguel further agrees that in any such proceedings, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

contained in this Order may be taken as true and correct and that this Order shall collaterally estop him from re-litigating with the Commission or any other state agency, in any forum, the accuracy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. In the event Miguel pursues bankruptcy protection in the future, he further agrees that in such bankruptcy proceeding, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19), the following circumstances exist:

- A. The obligations incurred as a result of this Order are a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Order and are for the violation of Arizona state securities laws, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(A)(i);
- B. This Order constitutes a judgment, order, consent order, or decree entered in a state proceeding pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(i), a settlement agreement entered into by Miguel pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(ii), and a court order for damages, fine, penalty, citation, restitution payment, disgorgement payment, attorney fee, cost or other payment owed by Miguel pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(iii).
- 7. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Miguel agrees not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis.
- 8. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Miguel and the Commission, Miguel understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 9. Miguel understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Miguel understands that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.

- 11. Miguel agrees that he will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 12. Miguel agrees that he will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services within or from Arizona until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- Miguel agrees that he will cooperate with the Securities Division by including, but 13. not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.
- 14. Miguel consents to the entry of this Order and agrees to be fully bound by its terms and conditions.
- 15. Miguel acknowledges and understands that if he fails to comply with the provisions of the order and this consent, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against him, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.
- 16. Miguel understands that default shall render him liable to the Commission for its costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees and interest at the maximum legal rate.
- 17. Miguel agrees and understands that if he fails to make any payment as required in the Order, any outstanding balance shall be in default and shall be immediately due and payable without notice or demand. Miguel agrees and understands that acceptance of any partial or late payment by the Commission is not a waiver of default by the Commission.

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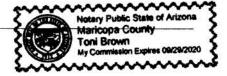
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of ARCH, 2017.

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My commission expires:



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#### 1 2 3 COMMISSIONERS 4 TOM FORESE - Chairman **BOB BURNS** 5 DOUG LITTLE ANDY TOBIN 6 **BOYD DUNN** 7 In the matter of: DOCKET NO. S-20987A-16-0351 8 Ryan Miguel (CRD # 4581157) aka Ryan Miguel ) CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE OF Pina aka Ryan Lee Oliver, a single man, PROPOSED OPEN MEETING 9 AGENDA ITEM Robert Eric Hawkins, a single man, and 10 Infinity Fuels, Inc., a Nevada corporation, 11 Respondents. 12 13 On this 21st day of March, 2017, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a 14 15 Securities Division Memorandum & Proposed Order, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Securities Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this 16 date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email 17 a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service. 18 19 Ryan Miguel 5326 N. 79th Way 20 Scottsdale, AZ 85251 21 Robert Hawkins 13141 W. Acapulco Lane 22 Surprise, AZ 85379

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